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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4669

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 0594

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CG, PO, AO

SUBJECT: ZAIRE-PORTUGUESE RELATIONS

REF: KINSHASA 4397 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL REPORTED THAT GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE ORDERED PORTUGUESE  
DIPLOMATIC OFFICE IN KINSHASA CLOSED ON MAY 26 FOR REASONS NOT  
YET CLEAR BUT, ACCORDING TO PORTUGUESE DIPLOMAT THERE,  
PROBABLY RELATED TO ZAIRE'S INTEREST IN ANGOLA, PARTICULARLY  
CABINDA.

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2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, AND IT MAY NOT BE MUCH, SOUTH AFRICAN SUNDAY EXPRESS REPORTED TIM CLARKE WROTE MAY 25 THAT GENERAL ANTONIO DE SPINOLA HAD VISITED ZAIRE ON TWO OCCASIONS IN RECENT MONTHS FOR SECRET TALKS WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU SESE SEKO. ARTICLE STATED THAT SPINOLA, WORKING FROM BASE IN RIO DE JANIERO AND IN COOPERATION WITH FORMER PORTUGUESE GENERAL, JOACHIM RIBERIO, AND TWO FORMER CAETANO MINISTERS, DR. MOREIRA BAPTISTA AND DR. JOACHIM SILBA CUHA, IS PLOTTING INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA TO "PREVENT A BLOODBATH." GENERAL RIBERIO, APPARENTLY CLARKE'S PRIMARY SOURCE, REFUSED TO COMMENT ON WHETHER SPINOLA HAD DISCUSSED WITH MOBUTU PLANS TO SEIZE CABINDA. END UNCLASSIFIED.  
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